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Tucson Human Relations Commission MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Tucson Human Relations Commission was called to order by Chair Maritza Broce, on Wednesday, November 11, 2009, at 5:44 p.m., at the CWA 7000 Building, 877 S. Alvernon Way, S-100, Tucson, Arizona.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present:

Victor Flores
Joe Yee, Treasurer
Maritza Broce, Chair
Yahya Yuksel
Alicia Calahorro

Representing:

Ward 1
Ward 2
Ward 3
Ward 4
GLBT Commission

Members Absent:

Martha Gabusi-Taylor, Vice-Chair
Glenn Howell
Sat Bir Kaur Khalsa

Mayor
Ward 5
Ward 6

2. Welcome New Commission Member – Alicia Calahorro (GLBT Representative)

Item taken out of order, discussed after Item #8.

3. Call to the Audience

There were no speakers.

4. Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Yee reported encumbrances and expenditures to date and stated the balance was \$4,720.

5. HRC Budget, Assistance Request Form Review/Approval and Timeline of Events

Assistance Request Form – Discussion ensued.

Chair Broce stated she had worked on the form some time ago and the main

items that were changed were for the requestor to provide a summary of the project, did the project meet the goals and mission of the organization, and had funds been requested from other departments.

Commissioner Calahorra stated she had a question regarding the question about funds being requested from other departments. She asked if the question was specific to the event they were asking assistance for or was it in general overall.

Commissioner Yee stated he felt it should be specific to the event funds were being requested for.

It was moved by Commissioner Yee, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0 to approve the revised Assistance Request Form with the suggested changes.

Budget – Chair Broce stated she wanted to discuss the budget and what portion of it the Commissioners wanted to allocate to assistance requests and other items funded by the Commission. In other words, did they have a breakdown or percentage of funding they would like to allocate to each category the Commission had spent funds for in the past, i.e., Lunch/Dinner tickets, HRC events, Miscellaneous and Financial Assistance support.

Discussion ensued on the percentage of the budget spent in each category. It was stated that a good amount was spent on dinner tickets throughout the past with no one attending. Examples were given on a possible breakdown of percentages for each of the categories such as 15% for Lunches and Dinners, 30% for Sponsored Events, 10% for HRC (Miscellaneous) and 40% for Financial Assistance Requests.

Commissioner Yee stated he liked having the flexibility to make decisions on where to expend funds. By allotting a percentage of the budget to each category he felt, limited them.

No action was taken. Commissioner Broce will work with the City Clerk's Office to see if the Commission can be provided an on-going breakdown of expenses in each category along with their financial report.

Approval and Timeline of Events – Chair Broce asked Commission member to bring their calendars to the next meeting, in an attempt to put together a Calendar of Events for the Commission, not necessarily with only events sponsored by the HRC but others within BCCs or ward offices that HRC should be involved in.

6. Commission/Meeting Agenda Structure and Meeting Dates for 2010

Meeting Agenda Structure – Discussion held. It was decided to continue to the item to the 12/9/09 meeting.

Meeting Dates for 2010 – Discussion held regarding the meeting dates for 2010.

By unanimous decision, it was decided to continue to hold HRC meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m., at the CWA 7000 Building, 877 S. Alvernon Way, S-100, Tucson, Arizona.

7. **Requests for Financial Support & Community Events**
 - a. **Eleventh Annual Ray Davies Lifetime Humanitarian Achievement Award Luncheon, October 22nd**
 - b. **Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc 13th Annual Golf Tournament, November 12th**
 - c. **Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona "Giving with Style", October 18th**
 - d. **Tucson Chapter NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner, November 13th**
 - e. **National Association of Colored People (NAACP), Freedom Fund Dinner, November 13th**

Discussion was held regarding items a-c in that the events had already passed. By a unanimous decision items a-c were not considered for financial support.

Discussion was held regarding the Tucson Chapter NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner.

It was moved by Commissioner Flores, duly seconded, to purchase two (2) tickets at \$65.00 each to attend the Tucson Chapter NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner on November 13, 2009, for Alicia Calahorro and Yahya Yuksel.

Chair Broce asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, she asked for a roll call vote.

Upon roll call, the results were:

Aye: Commissioners Calahorro, Flores, Yee, Yuksel and Chair Broce

Nay: None

Absent: Commissioners Gabusi-Taylor, Howell and Khalsa

Motion to purchase two (2) tickets at \$65.00 each to attend the Tucson Chapter NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner on November 13, 2009, for Alicia Calahorro and Yahya Yuksel was passed by a roll call vote of 5-0

8. **Reports from Other Commissions and Committees**
 - a. **Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) Issues**
Discussion Held.

It was moved by Commissioner Yee, duly seconded, to support the GLBT's 10th Anniversary Celebration in the amount of \$200.00.

Chair Broce asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, she asked for a roll call vote.

Upon roll call, the results were:

Aye: Commissioners Flores, Yee, Yuksel and Chair Broce

Abstained: Commissioner Calahorro

Absent: Commissioners Gabusi-Taylor, Howell and Khalsa

b. Anti-Hate Crime Task Force

Item not discussed and continued to the next meeting.

2. Welcome New Commission Member – Alicia Calahorro (GLBT Representative)

Chair Broce introduced and welcomed Alicia Calahorro, GLBT Representative and new member to the HRC.

9. Chairman's Summary of Current Events – Information Only

Update given.

10. Future Agenda Items – Information Only

11. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm